

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace lines 14-20, page 4 with the following amended paragraphs:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1A-1B is an alignment of the nucleotide sequence of the human *c-maf* (SEQ ID NO:1) coding region with the mouse *c-maf* (SEQ ID NO:3) coding region. Nucleotide differences between the two sequences are boxed.

Figure 2 is an alignment of the amino acid sequence of the human c-Maf protein (SEQ ID NO:2) with the mouse c-Maf protein (SEQ ID NO:4). Amino acid differences between the two sequences are boxed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, lines 30-37 with the following amended paragraph:

As used herein, the term "human c-Maf" is intended to encompass proteins that share the distinguishing structural and functional features (described further herein) of the human c-Maf protein encoded by the Nh2I/XbaI insert of plasmid pHu-c-Maf, which was deposited under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty with the American Type Tissue Culture Collection (ATCC), ~~Rockville, Maryland~~ P.O. Box 1549, Manassas, VA, 20108, on February 24, 1998 and assigned ATCC Acession No. 98671, and having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, including the amino acid residues unique to human c-Maf (as compared to mouse c-Maf), which are boxed in Figure 2.